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1. The Gelenkwellenwerk Stadtilm makes almost entirely driving shafts for tanks and heavy prime movers. These shafts have diameters from 70 to 130 mm. Production in September 1953 was 3,728 pieces.
 2. Shafts for tanks have been produced here almost uninterruptedly since 1948. The plant's production includes link joints, universal joints, Cardan joints, rubber washer and axle joints. For a long time production was severely limited by material shortages. As late as September 1953 the planned quota could be only 65 percent fulfilled. However, now that the works has been declared a priority (Schwerpunkt) plant, deliveries of material are going much better. The quota has been raised again for the last quarter of 1953, although the previous quotas have never once been filled.

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